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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (**Previously Presented**) A cleaning sheet having a cleaning surface comprising a cleaning area for cleaning a piled surface and a low-friction area which adjoins said cleaning area, said cleaning area having a coefficient of static friction of 0.1 to 4.0 against wool press felt (JIS L3201 R33W), wherein said cleaning sheet contains an air-laid nonwoven fabric and said low-friction area comprises a film or a nonwoven fabric, and wherein said low-friction area has a coefficient of static friction of 0.01 to 1.0 against wool press felt (JIS L3201 R33W).

2. (**Canceled**)

3. (**Previously Presented**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein an area ratio of said low-friction area to said cleaning surface is 10 to 60%.

4. (**Original**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said low-friction area is disposed on one side of said cleaning surface across the cleaning direction of said cleaning surface.

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5. (**Original**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 4, wherein said low-friction area is disposed on both sides of said cleaning surface across the cleaning direction of said cleaning surface.

6. (**Original**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning area has a structure capable of scraping fibrous dust from the pile of a piled surface.

7. (**Original**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning area is formed of air-laid nonwoven fabric.

8. (**Previously Presented**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said cleaning area has a scraping part and a dust-holding part, said scraping part having on the surface thereof numerous fibers capable of edging into the pile of a piled surface and scraping fibrous dust present in said pile, said fibers mainly comprising fibers constituting air-laid nonwoven fabric, and said dust-holding part being capable of holding the scraped fibrous dust.

9. (**Original**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 7, wherein fibers of said air-laid nonwoven fabric have a fineness of 23 to 200 dtex.

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10. (**Original**) The cleaning sheet according to claim 8, wherein said dust-holding part holds fibrous dust by having the fibrous dust physically entangled therewith or by having the fibrous dust adhered thereto via a sticky substance.

11. (**Previously Presented**) A cleaning sheet having a scraping part and a dust-holding part wherein the cleaning sheet is attached to a cleaning tool which comprises a flat head having a flat base and a stick handle connected to the head, wherein said scraping part has on the surface thereof numerous fibers capable of edging into the pile of a piled surface and scraping fibrous dust present in said pile, said fibers mainly comprising fibers constituting air-laid nonwoven fabric wherein the fibers of said air-laid nonwoven fabric have a fineness of 23 to 200 dtex, and said dust-holding part is capable of holding the scraped fibrous dust by having the fibrous dust physically entangled therewith or by having the fibrous dust adhered thereto via a sticky substance.

12-13. (**Canceled**)

14. (**New**) A cleaning sheet having a cleaning surface comprising a cleaning area on the cleaning surface for cleaning a piled surface and a low-friction area which adjoins said cleaning area;

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wherein said cleaning area has a first sheet as a scraping part and second sheet as a dust-holding part;

said first sheet is an air-laid nonwoven fabric comprising at least one thermoplastic resin selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin, polaymaide, polyester and a fluororesin, and the air-laid surface having a fineness of 23 to 200 dtex;

said second sheet comprises spun-laced, air-through or spun-bonded nonwoven fabric;

said scraping part of the first sheet having on the surface thereof numerous fibers capable of edging into the pile of a piled surface and scraping fibrous dust present in said pile, said fibers mainly comprising fibers constituting the air-laid nonwoven fabric, and

said dust-holding part of the second sheet being capable of holding the scraped fibrous dust;

wherein said cleaning area has a coefficient of static friction of 0.1 to 4.0 against wool press felt (JIS L3201 R33W);

wherein said cleaning sheet contains the air-laid nonwoven fabric and said low-friction area comprises a film or a nonwoven fabric, and wherein said low-friction area has a coefficient of static friction of 0.01 to 1.0 against wool press felt (JIS L3201 R33W).